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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Assignment of lands

Assignment of lands to the depressed classes in East Godavari district.

* 1563 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land available for assignment in East Godavari district;

(b) the extent of land applied for by the depressed class people up to date; and

(c) the extent granted?

A.—(a) According to the most recent information available the area of assessed waste is 158 acres of wet land and 35,289 acres of dry.

(b) The Government have not the information asked for.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to the Statement at page 62 of G.O. No. 2778 L., dated 5th November 1928, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Floods

Damages to the village of Karakuduru by the recent floods.

* 1564 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the village of Karakuduru in the Cocanada taluk suffered enormously on account of the recent floods in the shape of almost wholesale loss of the first crop, loss of cattle and otherwise;

(b) whether the villagers sent in a petition soon after the floods, requesting that water for second crop irrigation might be granted to the village irrespective of its being included in the turn according to the triennial system or not; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the request of the villagers was not granted and if so, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) The Government believe that there was some loss of crops in the village. They have no detailed information, but have called for it.

(b) Yes.

(c) No. On 13th January 1929 the Collector approved the opening of the pipe at 26/4 of Cocanada canal for second crop irrigation.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" Is the hon. the Revenue Member aware, Sir, that, because the opening of the pipe has not been made, the crops have suffered?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."